

The venerable Peter Warwick claimed that the place where the crippled Indian was crippled was north of the White Oak Hill, while some other older folks claim it was between the town of Greenbank and the home of Monroe Beards, however the two angles come completely together.

The Hospital Run has the honor of having the first log Church that was erected in the Eastern part of Pocahontas County; the site of which is in the old part of the Arbovale Cemetery. This old log Church was erected when Indian scares were still fresh in the minds of the people and it was located on a raise of ground between two springs on the Hospital Run in order to give a good view of the surrounding country which overlooked the old Indian Hospital, on the Hospital Run.

Thomas Jarvis who owned the Eastern part of the Hospital Run, by a land-Grant bearing date of June 1780, had his cabin at a spring in what is now a field on the lands of O.G. Arbogast, went in search for his cow that had wandered off in the woodland; when he came back the Indians had rifled his house, had taken his feather bed tick, but emptied the feathers out in the floor; taken all his blankets, kettles, butcher knives, and his winters supply of bear meat. Many years afterwards when Adam Arbogast who became owner of the land in clearing a field of new land plowed out an old Kettle and a butcher knife which was supposed to be the property of Thomas Jarvis taken by the Indians.

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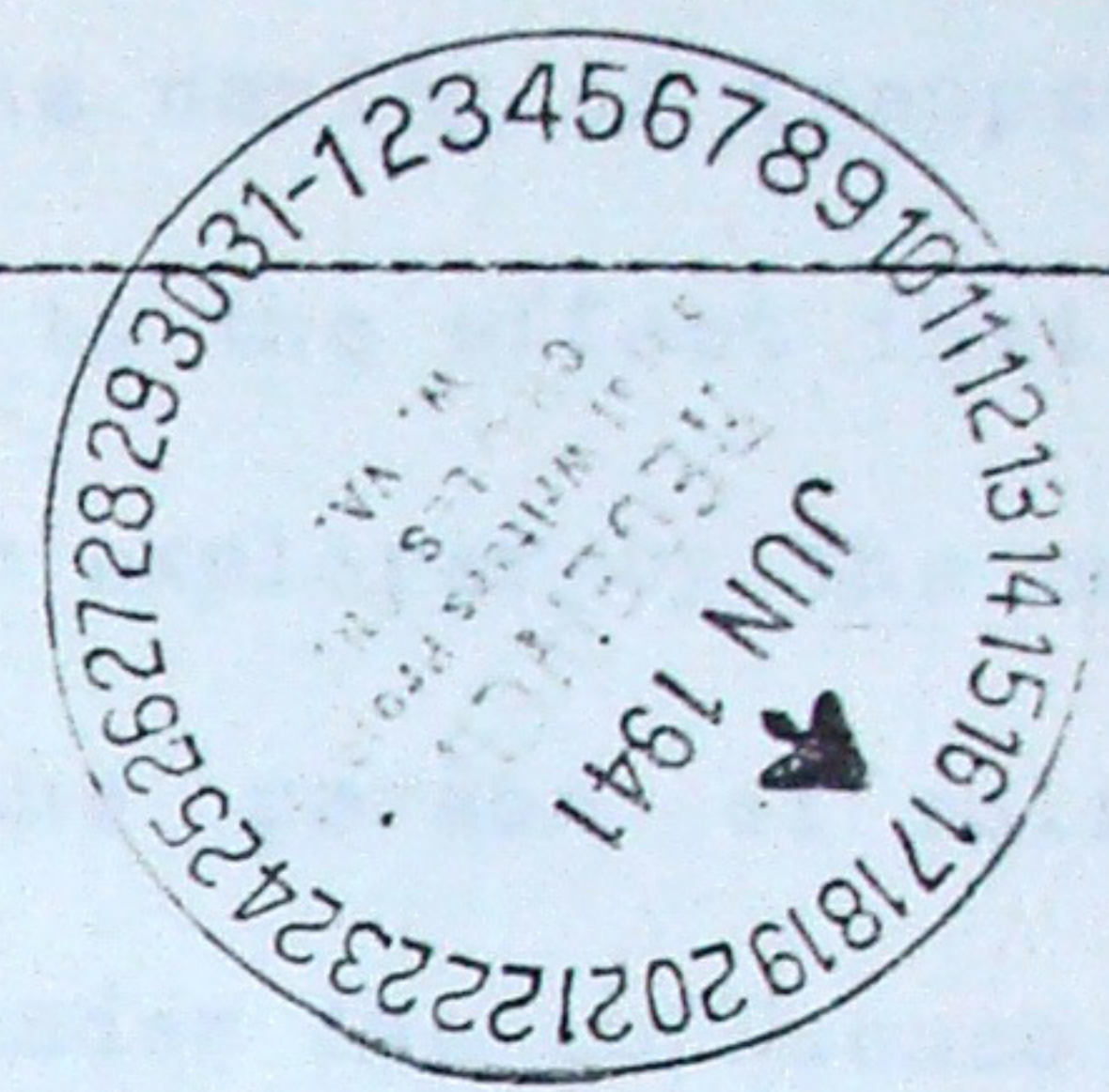
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Knapps Creek ;<sup>2</sup> (Continued) It appears that there is, nt any person who can tell for certain who Knapps Creek was named for, ~~or why it was so named Knapp.~~

There has been some very interesting traditions about the naming of Knapps-Creek ; There is printed the story Concerning Knapps Creek to the effect that it derived its name from an old trapper or hunter, or pioneer explorer, by the name Knapp Gregory, correctly spelled Nap Gregory; believed to be the person of solitary excentric habits and subject to lunacy, and who when laboring under the influence of this disease, would ramble a considerable distance in the neighboring wilderness and be absent from the settlement for weeks at a time; On one of these wanderings he came on some of the waters of the Greenbrier River, ; Surprised to <sup>see</sup> the waters flowing in a westwardly direction, on his return to Winchester <sup>va</sup> he made known the fact ; and that the country abounded very much with different kind of Game; in consequence of this information two men recently from New England visited <sup>the</sup> Country and took up their residence on the Greenbrier River at the Mouth of Knapps Creek,

The names of these two men are given in the Sketches of U.S . History by Mrs Anna Royal as "Carver, and Sewell;" These two men says Mrs Royal, lived in a Cave for several years but at length they disagreed on the score of religion and then ocupied different camps, they took care however not to stay far from each other their camps being in sight.

Sewell used to relate that he and his friend used to sit up all night without sleep, with their guns cocked, ready to fire at each other ; And what could that be for ? Because we could, nt agree ; Only two of you and could, nt agree-- What did you quarrel about, Why about Re- la-gin one of them it seems was a Presbyterian and the other an Episcopalian ; - This name Carver was the the person of Jace Harlin as has been written, ;

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The following note is from Prices Historical sketches of Pocahontas County,

"The Site of Nap Gregory, a cabin is near the public road opposite Peter L. Cleeks residence, two miles above Driscol. Traces of the fire place and the dimensions of the Cabin yet visible. Early in the spring the grass appears here more luxuriantly than else where and earlier, for the spot seems to be especially fertile, an often observed characteristic of places where ~~where~~ buildings disappear by gradual decay.

Nap Gregory is reported to have disappeared from the Creek and suddenly and mysteriously. When last seen he was in pursuit of a deer near the Lockridge fording. It was supposed by some that he might have been drowned, while others suspect that he may have been killed and robbed, by some suspicious looking characters that had been seen about the same time, by scouts from Augusta County."

There are many citizens of the Knapps Creek Valley claim that the Knapps - Creek was so named by the fact that a man by the name of Caleb Knapp lived on the Creek, and the site of his cabin or home place is the same identical spot that is <sup>be</sup> claimed to <sup>A</sup> the home place of the above mentioned Nap Gregory, this place is near the gate, at the State Road, on Ward Cleeks Farm. It has been handed down through many generations of the relationship of of Caleb Knapp, that Knapps Creek was named after their Grand Father Caleb Knapp. ( There has been two Caleb Knapps in Pocahontas and Greenbrier Counties Caleb Senior and Caleb Junior ) If Knapps Creek was named after a Caleb Knapp, it was the Caleb Knapp Sr, who may have been one that lived on Knapps Creek in stead of Caleb Jr, The name of Knapps Creek <sup>be</sup> antedates the name of Caleb Knapp Jr, so it would have to <sup>A</sup> named after Cale Knapp Sr, who lived in Greenbrier County, and paid taxes as early as 1787.

As we study the named of the Branches of ~~Knapps/Creek~~ Pocahontas County we find that Knapps Creek is spelled more differently than any other branch in Pocahontas County. After the formation of Bath County Va, there is recorded in the land Grant Books of Bath County, 29 Land Grants or Patents, issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, to land Grantees situate on Knappa Creek in what is now Pocahontas County; In giving the local description of the Land Grants situate on the Knapps Creek; 22 of the Grants spell it K-n-a-p Creek